

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES—Wednesday, September 8, 1999

The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, Reverend James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Your word, O God, calls us to do the works of justice and righteousness and we pray that the good words that we say with our lips may be believed in our hearts and may all that we believe in our hearts become the good works of our daily lives.

With all the competing interests that crowd our days, help us not lose sight of the goal of justice for every person; with all the voices that command our attention, let us hear Your still small voice calling us to alleviate the pain of the distressed, to feed the hungry, to give freedom to the oppressed and to honor and respect those whose circumstances are different than ours.

Bless us, O gracious God, this day and every day, we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BARRETT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, August 9, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,

The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on August 9, 1999 at 5:02 p.m.

That the Senate agreed to conference report H.R. 1905.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

MARTHA C. MORRISON,

Deputy Clerk.

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DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on August 6, 1999 at 10:44 a.m.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 211; that the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1219; that the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2565.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

MARTHA C. MORRISON,

Deputy Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair desires to announce that pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, he signed the following enrolled bill on Thursday, August 5, 1999:

S. 606, for the relief of Global Exploration and Development Corporation, Kerr-McGee Corporation, and Kerr-McGee Chemical, LLC (successor to Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation), and for other purposes;

And the following enrolled bill on Friday, August 6, 1999:

H.R. 1664, providing emergency authority for guarantees of loans to qualified steel and iron ore companies and to qualified oil and gas companies, and for other purposes;

And Speaker pro tempore WOLF signed the following enrolled bills on Tuesday, August 10, 1999:

H.R. 211, to designate the federal building and United States Courthouse located at 920 West Riverdale Avenue in Spokane, Washington, as the "Thomas S. Foley United States Courthouse," and the plaza at the south entrance of such building and courthouse as the "Walter F. Horan Plaza";

H.R. 1219, to amend the Miller Act, relating to payment protections for persons providing labor and materials for federal construction projects;

H.R. 1568, to provide technical, financial, and procurement assistance to veteran owned small businesses, and for other purposes;

H.R. 1905, making appropriations for the legislative branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2565, to clarify the quorum requirement for the board of directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States;

S. 507, to provide for the consideration and development of water and related resources, to authorize the United States Army Corps of Engineers to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes;

S. 1543, to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 to release and protect the release of tobacco production and marketing information;

S. 1546, to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to provide additional administrative authorities to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, and to make technical corrections to that act, and for other purposes.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO MIGRATORY BIRD COMMISSION

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to Section 2 of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 715a) and the order of the House of Thursday, August 5, 1999, and upon the recommendation of the minority leader, the Speaker on Wednesday, August 11, 1999, appointed the following Member of the House to the Migratory Bird Commission:

Mr. DINGELL, Michigan.

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBER TO INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTION ADVISORY COMMISSION

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 262r and the order of the House of Thursday, August 5, 1999, the Speaker on Wednesday, August 11, 1999, appointed the following individual on the part of the House to the International Financial Institution Advisory Commission to fill the existing vacancy thereon:

Mr. Lee Hoskins, Nevada.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF MEMBER OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from Jack Katz, Office of Payroll of the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer:

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

Matter set in this typeface indicates words inserted or appended, rather than spoken, by a Member of the House on the floor.